

October 10, 2008 Update

Revision of Article 1 Rulemaking

Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C) Title 9, Chapter 6, Article 1, R9-6-101 and Exhibit I-A

Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S) § 36-136(H)(1) states that the Arizona Department of Health Services (Department) shall “define and prescribe reasonably necessary measures for detecting, reporting, preventing, and controlling communicable and preventable diseases.” The Department has established rules to implement this statute in 9 A.A.C. 6. The rules in 9 A.A.C. 6, Article 1 include R9-6-101, which contains the definitions for terms used in more than one Article in Chapter 6, and Exhibit I-A.

While reviewing 9 A.A.C. 6, the Department noted a need for some changes to Article 1 to make 9 A.A.C. 6 more understandable. The Department has submitted a Notice of Docket Opening for this rulemaking, which was published in the [Arizona Administrative Register](#) on October 10, 2008. This rulemaking will add and amend definitions in R9-6-101 and repeal Exhibit I-A. The Department expects a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to be published in the *Arizona Administrative Register* on October 17, 2008. An Oral Proceeding for this rulemaking is scheduled for November 17, 2008.

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